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REMARKS

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Official Action, claims 1-42 were restricted under $35\ \text{USC}\ \$121$ to the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-11, 33, 34, drawn to compositions, classified in class 514, subclass 345.
- II. Claims 12-23, drawn to methods, classified in class 424, subclass 405.
- III. Claims 24-26, drawn to fuel, classified in class 44, subclass 329.
- IV. Claims 27-29, drawn to coated substrates, classified in class 428, subclass 40.1.
- V. Claims 30, 31, drawn to coatings, classified in class 427, subclass 154.
- VI. Claim 32, drawn to fibers, classified in class 252, subclass 8.84.
- VII. Class 35, drawn to adhesives, classified in class 523, subclass 111.
- VIII. Claim 36, drawn to elastomers, classified in class 523, subclass 122.
- IX. Claim 37, drawn to sealants, classified in class 106, subclass 15.05.

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X. Claim 38, drawn to cosmetic, classified in class 424, subclass 401.

XI. Claims 39, 40, drawn to cellulose preservation, classified in class 504, subclass 114.

XII. Claim 41, drawn to detergent preservation, classified in class 510, subclass 103.

XIII. Claim 42, drawn to drugs, classified in class 424, subclass 49.

Applicants herein elect with traverse the claims of **Group I**(claims 1-11, 33 and 34) for prosecution on the merits at this time.

Response to Species Election

In addition to the Restriction Requirement, a Species Election was imposed as follows:

- A. Species of metals: zinc, copper or silver.
- B. Species of pyrithione adduct or pyrithione salt.
- C. Species of pyrithione salts: alkali/metal pyrithione salt, metal ethanolamine pyrithione salt, chitosan pyrithione salt, or disulfide pyrithione salt.

With respect to the choice of metals in (A) above, Applicants herein choose **zinc**.

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With respect to the choice of pyrithione adducts in (B) above, Applicants herein choose **pyrithione salts**.

With respect to the choice of pyrithione salts in (C) above, Applicants herein choose alkali/metal pyrithione salt.

Applicants submit that amongst the claims in the selected Group I above, the claims readable on the above elections are claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 33, and 34.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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